

State Advisory Committee (SAC) For Children with Disabilities
Advising the NH Department of Education Per RSA 186-C:3-b
Minutes for the meeting of April 4, 2012
NH Department of Education
Room 15
4:30pm - 6:30 pm

In attendance: Dan Tanguay, Renea Sparks, Gil Oriol, Mike Pinard, Raymond Dailey, Kerri Lynn Kimner, Sue Marcotte-Jenkins, Sarah Cooley, Richard Cohen, Candace Cole McCrea, Kestrel Cole-McCrea, Bonnie Dunham, Vice Chair, Maureen Tracey.

Guests: Nick McIntyre (McKinney Vento DOE Intern); Catherine Meister (DHHS), Alan Pardy, (NHASEA); Santina Thibedeau, (Bureau of Special Education); Mike Warych (Data Driven Enterprises).

Agenda Item I: Welcome and Introductions, Approval of Minutes, Correspondence, Announcements and Public Comment.

- Bonnie Dunham, Vice-chair, welcomed members and guests, and asked for introductions.
- The March minutes were reviewed. Renea Sparks made a motion to approve the minutes, and Raymond Dailey seconded the minutes. All in favor.
- Public Comment: Alan Pardy asked SAC if during the Data Driven Enterprise interview time, if guests were permitted to be present. Bonnie Dunham responded yes they could be present.
- Bureau of Special Education update:
 - Santina announced the release of the *NH Deaf Education Guidelines*, a product of the *NH Deaf and Hearing Education Initiative Project*. The project began with issuing an RFP, of which Northeast Deaf and Hard of Hearing Services was awarded the contract. They entered into a two year guideline process which involved a new support for learning, a new structure, identified standards, some IDEA requirements, best practices and how do you involve deaf students etc. Two NASDSE experts Gaylen Pugh and Cheryl Johnson attended the meeting in support of the guidelines. They

commented that these NH Deaf Education Guidelines are the best they have seen. There will be three additional rollouts between now and June. SAC members asked questions on auditory processing and if they spoke on that at the roll out. Kim Pelkey would be glad to attend a SAC meeting to speak on it.

- Santina reviewed the initiative for Data Driven Enterprise (DDE) and their visit today with SAC. It has been an 8 month project with the intent of monitoring the Bureau's program approval, looking at data and how it is collected. Dick Cohen summarized the history of the legislation and how they began this project.
- Renea Sparks brought up for discussion having the Administrator of the Bureau of Special Education be present during the Data Driven Enterprise interview. There was a discussion regarding whether or not to enter into closed session. No motion was made for this and further discussion pursued.

Agenda Item II: Subcommittees

- Membership: Nominations

SAC members support Catherine Meister to serve as the DHHS representative responsible for foster care. She will be recommended by the State of NH, DHHS Commissioner, with a letter sent to the Governor's office.

- SAC members voted to discontinue the SAC subcommittee on SAC Policies and Procedures.

Agenda Item III: Interview with Data Driven Enterprise.

- SAC members took part in an interview conducted by Mike Warych of Data Driven Enterprise.

Agenda Item IV: Adjournment

- Ray made the motion to adjourn at 6:50pm, Maureen seconded the motion. All in favor.